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REMARKS

Counsel thanks the Examiner, Mr. Ingberg, for his courtesy and assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application during an interview conducted January 28, 2003. During the interview, a proposed revision of Claim 1 was discussed, and was agreed to distinguish over the Sweeney et al reference, as indicated in the Interview Summary (Paper No. 17). By the foregoing amendment, Applicants have submitted a new Claim 11, which incorporates the language discussed with the Examiner during the interview. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 11 is allowable for the reasons discussed during the interview. In addition, Applicants have also submitted a new Claim 12, which corresponds to Claim 8, and is dependent from Claim 11.

If there are any questions regarding this supplemental response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381NP/47598).

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